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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW

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1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
NAVAL REVIEW TO BE SPONSORED BY THE US NAVY IN NEW YORK
HARBOR ON JULY 4.

2. QUESTION: WHY IS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INVITING
SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY TO PARTICIPATE IN A MILITARY BI-
CENTENNIAL EVENT? ISN'T THIS INCONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY
LIMITING MILITARY CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA?

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3. ANSWER: THE US NAVY, IN KEEPING WITH THE APOLITICAL

CHARACTER OF THE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE, IS INVITING NEARLY ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WHICH HAVE A NAVY AND WITH WHOM THE UNITED STATES HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. SOME 48 COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING THOSE SENDING ONLY DELEGATIONS.

4. QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF SHIP WILL THE SOUTH AFRICANS SEND?

5. ANSWER: SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT YET INDICATED THE DEGREE TO WHICH IT MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. KISSINGER

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